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**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
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First Named Inventor	Martin Kowatsch
Art Unit	2874
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Attorney Docket Number	AVAN/000219USA

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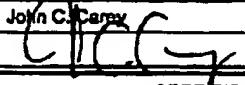
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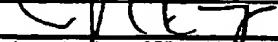
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